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Against the Importation of some Bibles.

Edinburgh, the twelfth day of October, 1676.

EOrasmuch as the KING's Majesty, by His Gift, dated the twelfth day of May, one thousand six hundred and seventy one, Did grant and dispone to Andrew Anderson, His Majesties Printer, now deceased, his Heirs, Assignayes or Substitutes, to be His Majesties sole, absolute and only Master-Printer, for space of forty one years after his entry to that Office, with power, not only to print His Majesties Letters of Parliament, Proclamations, and other Papers relating to the publick Affairs of this Kingdom, also to print and re-print Bibles in all Volumes, with the Psalms thereintill, Third Parts of the Bible, New Testaments in all Volumes, all Books of Divinity, Commentaries, Concordances, Books of the Common Law, all sorts of School-books, School-authors, Grammars, Rudiments, Psalms, Confessions of Faith, Catechisms, and shorter, Callendars, Primars, &c. Discharging all others so to do, without Warrant and Order from His Majesty's Printer, under the pain of confiscation of all such Books, the one half thereof to the King, and the other half to the use of His Printer and his forefaids, besides such other penalties as the Council shall think fit to inflict, in case of failzie. And whereas the Relict and Heir of the said deceased Andrew Anderson, have exhibited and presented to the Lords of His Majesties Privy Council, Bibles of three several Volumes and Sizes, Printed by the said deceased Anderson, one thereof on a Letter called the *Peril* Letter with Notes, in the Volume of Twelve, printed in the year one thousand six hundred and seventy three; another printed in the said year, on the same Letter, without Notes, in the Volume of Eighteen; and the third printed in the year, one thousand six hundred and seventy six, on a Letter called the *Nonperil*, with Notes, in the Volume of Eight: Of which Bibles, they have printed such a considerable number (at their very great expences) as may be able sufficiently to serve His Majesties Lieges, and to the advantage of the Kingdom, by hindering the export of considerable sums of money which are daily taken forth thereof, for the importation of Bibles; and have undertaken to serve the Lieges sufficiently, at als easie rates in far better work, as any other can afford. The saids Lords of Council do therefore, conform to His Majesties Gift aforesaid, prohibit and forbid any person whatsoever, after the first day of November next, to import, vend or sell into this Kingdom, any Bibles of the forefaids Letters and Sizes; Declaring hereby, all such Bibles as shall be imported after the said day, to be confiscable, the one half thereof for His Majesties use, and the other half for the use of the Relict and Heir of His Majesties said Printer: With full Power and Warrant to them, or any having their Order, to seize upon, and confiscate the saids Bibles, where ever the same can be found, they being alwayes countable for His Majesties said seizure, to the Lords of the Thesaurie: Ordaining and Commanding hereby, the Tacksmen and Officers of the Customs and Excise, their Deputes and Waiters, to confiscate any of the saids Bibles that shall be imported after the said day, to the use aforesaid; which is to be by and attour any other punishment or penalty that His Majesties Council shall think fit to inflict, or impose upon the contraveeners. And Ordains these precepts to be printed, and published at the Mercat-cross of Edinburgh, Glasgow, and other places needful, that none be ignorant.

Tho. Hay, Cl. S^{ci} Concilii.

G O D save the King.

Edinburgh, Printed by the Heir of Andrew Anderson, Printer to His Majesty. Anno Dom. 1676.